

CWP-18490-2021

Date of decision: 16.09.2021

Yashpl Sharma

.....Petitioner

versus

State of Punjab and others

.....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE FATEH DEEP SINGH**Present:** Mr. Varun Dhawan, Advocate
for the petitioner.**FATEH DEEP SINGH, J. (ORAL)**

Due to outbreak of pandemic COVID-19, the instant case is being taken up for hearing through video conferencing.

The petitioner has invoked the jurisdiction of this Court in terms of Articles 226/227 of the Constitution of India seeking prayer by way of writ in the nature of *mandamus* for issuance of directions to the respondents to release all the remaining retiral benefits of the petitioner and to pay interest for the period of delay in making payment of remaining retiral dues as well as on the period of delay of payments already made and further to pay interest @ 12% per annum on the amount of around Rs.3,58,000/- of the employees' part as well as the employers' part of Provident Fund for the period w.e.f. 2016 to 2020, deducted from the salary of the petitioner every month

but deposited in his PF Account only on 29.04.2021.

Notice of motion to the official respondents.

Mr. Shireesh Gupta, Senior DAG, Punjab puts in appearance and accepts notice on behalf of the respondents-State. Copy supplied.

Heard.

Upon hearing learned counsel of both the sides and on perusal of the records, the present petition stands disposed off with the directions to the official respondents to consider the representation dated 20.08.2021 (Annexure P-1) and legal notice dated 26.08.2021 (Annexure P-2) as representation moved by the petitioner and decide the same in accordance with law, by passing a speaking order preferably within a period of one month from the date of receipt of the certified copy of this order.

If found entitled and if there is no impediment for the release of payment, the same be granted to the petitioner without any delay, as per law.

The petition stands disposed off accordingly.

16.09.2021

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**(FATEH DEEP SINGH)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

Whether reportable : Yes/No